GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN RIVER LINKING PROJECT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have invited private participation for funding river-linking project;

(b) if so, whether river-linking project is expected to generate employment;

(c) if so, whether the Government have chalked out any scheme in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) : A Task Force on Inter-Linking of Rivers underthe Chairmanship of Shri Suresh P. Prabhu, Member of Parliament,Lok Sabha has been constituted on 13.12.2002. The terms of reference of the Task Force inter alia include consideration of the various modalities for project funding. The Task Force has been given a time table for preparation of an Action Plan by 31st July, 2003 for giving alternative options for funding and execution of the project as also the suggested methods for cost recovery, etc.